

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-second Session

Minutes of Sixth Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St., Cape Town on Wednesday the 15th April, 1936 at 8.15 P.M. Mr. D. C. Alleton was in the Chair. There was a good attendance.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th March 1936, were read and confirmed.

The following were unanimously elected Members of the Society: Mr. D. R. Simpson, P.O. Box 2, Krugersdorp, T'vaal. { Exr. A.W. Long
Sec. R. Watson. Rev. P. Macpherson, M.A., "Dalreich" Ladysmith, Natal. { Exr. A. Henjes
Sec. R. Watson. H. E. Houghton.
Mr. D. Robertson, "Sandhills", Fish Hoek. { Exr. A.W. Long
Sec. D. G. McIntyre

No further nominations were received.

The Chairman, Mr. D. C. Alleton, informed members that a 4½ inch refracting telescope had been purchased by the Cape Centre, from Mr. B. F. Jeany, who was contributing £10 towards the expense of housing the instrument. The telescope was to be housed in Mr. Long's observatory at Camahla, Malleon Rd, Mowbray.

The cost of the telescope and the expense of housing would together be in the neighbourhood of £80. This purchase was made possible through the generosity of various members of the Centre, many of whom had promised sums of money for the Telescope Fund.

Members of the Society who desired to carry out a programme of work with the instrument, could purchase a key to the observatory from Mr. A.W. Long. The telescope would be available for use by any member on one night every week.

Mr. W. Whittingdale treated members to a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Star Observing with the Theodolite". The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides, and the audience was further assisted by ~~the~~ having two models of the theodolite on the table.

It was shown how necessary it was for the surveyor to fix the position of control ~~for~~ stations by means of star observations for the determination of his longitude and latitude.

At the end of the lecture, questions on the subject were asked by Mr. Houghton and Dr. Jackson, and replied to by Mr. Whittingdale, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by those present, for his interesting address.

It was announced that Dr. B. F. J. Selonland would be the speaker at the next meeting of the Centre. His subject would be "Cosmic Rays".

The meeting was then declared closed.

J. C. Allester
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Committee Meeting.

At a meeting of the Cape Centre Committee held at the Mountain Club room, Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St., Cape Town at 8 P.M. on the 20th May, the name of Mr. H. M. White of Chesterfield House, High Level Rd., Green Pt., was considered and passed for election as a Member of the Society.